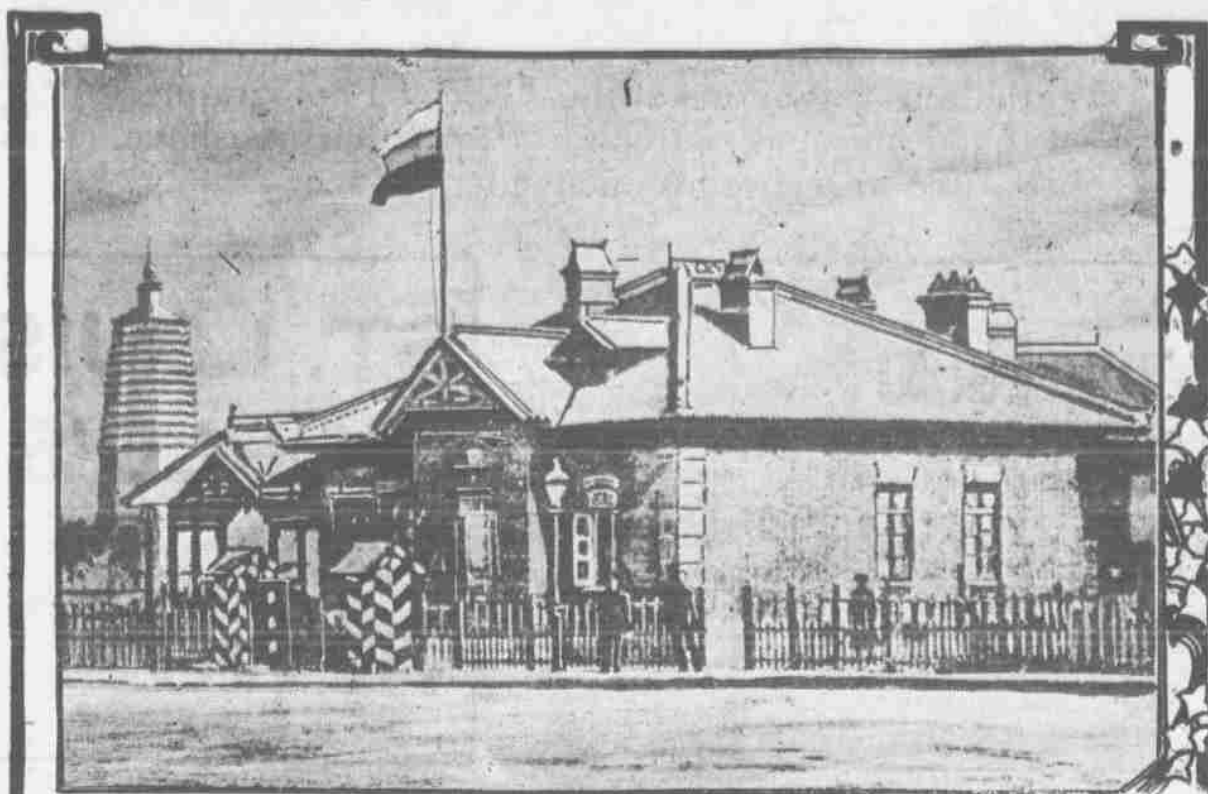


THE HEADQUARTERS OF KUROPATKIN



HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. KUROPATKIN AT LIAO-YANG.

The above cut represents the headquarters in Liao-yang from which the Russian commander in chief has been directing the operations of his immense armies. The general was last reported as intrenched at Tatchekiao and expecting an attack from Generals Oku and Nodzu, who were closing in on him. It is anticipated that a large Japanese success would result in the abandonment of Liao-yang. Russian headquarters have also been established at Mukden.

FACTORS UNION

BIG SUGAR MEN UNITE IN A THREE MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION TO CO-OPERATE IN THE HANDLING OF CROPS—AN ASSOCIATION CONTROLLING AN ANNUAL OUTPUT OF 350,000 TONS.

Articles of Association were today filed with the Treasurer of the Territory, by virtue of which the sugar interests of the Territory have largely become united and will hereafter operate as a unit in the conduct of various departments of the business of transporting and marketing sugars.

The purpose of the corporation and the objects for which it is formed, quoting from the Articles of Association, are as follows:

"To do the business, as brokers or otherwise, of buying, selling and refining sugar and of land and marine transportation thereof, and the transacting and doing of all such matters and things as shall be conducive or incidental to the said purpose and objects or any of them.

"Said Corporation shall have the power to enter into partnership with one or more Hawaiian corporations for the furtherance of the common objects of such corporations as authorized by their charter or articles of association and the laws applicable thereto, and to acquire, purchase, own, sell, exchange or otherwise acquire, hold and dispose of all property, both real, personal or mixed, or any interest therein, including the shares, stocks and bonds of other corporations, not to exceed at any one time, three times the amount of the capital stock of this Corporation, which may be necessary, proper or incidental to the purpose and powers of this Corporation, subject only to such limitations and restrictions as are provided by existing law; and generally to do and perform all and every act or transaction, as are usual or customary, necessary, expedient or incidental for the purpose and powers of the Corporation, and shall exercise and enjoy all other rights, powers, privileges and immunities appertaining thereto which are now or may be hereafter conferred by law upon joint stock companies; to issue certificates representing the ownership of the shares of the capital stock of this Corporation.

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HILO HAS A REAL KICK

LAND OFFICE TRANSACTION OF WHICH THE PUBLIC GET CONSIDERABLY THE WORST END—REAL ESTATE SAID TO BE WORTH \$50 PER ACRE IS LEASED UNDER RIGHT OF PURCHASE FOR \$3 PER ACRE.

Land Commissioner Pratt, who returned from Hilo on the Kaima this morning, had a conference with the Hilo Board of Trade's Executive Council on Monday at which a very heavy kick was registered against some land transactions recently consummated without interested parties being advised of what was going on. It appeared to be admitted on all hands at the close of the conference that the public had suffered a great injustice, and Pratt agreed to attempt to break up the lease complained of. Pratt's trip to Hilo was taken, as appears from the Hilo accounts, because of some communication from the President of the Hilo Board of Trade, E. N. Holmes, calling attention to the granting of a Right of Purchase lease for 97 acres of land at \$3 per acre, when the land is valued by private parties at \$50 per acre.

The subject was brought up by a Hiloite who objected to what he called exchanges "whereby Honolulu gets a proposed street and Hilo loses blocks of its most valuable property." The complainant said that the deals were consummated "on the quiet" and proceeded to describe a late transaction as follows:

"The last known transaction was consummated a few weeks ago by our local land agent, under instructions from the main office in which Mr. Eugene H. Lyman was granted a Right of Purchase Lease of 97 acres of land almost within the City limits at \$3 per acre and twenty-one years in which to pay it. This land is situated just mauka and adjoining the land of Mr. William Kinney and has been applied for by several persons who were willing to pay prices ranging from \$20 to \$50 per acre, and if sold at auction, I believe would have brought more than \$50 per acre. All applicants, except Mr. Lyman, for these lots were met with the remark: 'You cannot get those lots for they have been withdrawn from settlement.' And upon inquiry, I find they were withdrawn and it is so stated in the office books.

"This would have been an excellent tract to have divided into residence lots and would have furnished splendid opportunities to many families who desire suburban homes. I am informed that a proposition was made for a settlement association but was turned down because the land was too valuable and the Government required it for other purposes.

"Mr. Kinney's land, adjoining the lots referred to, is assessed at \$60 per acre and he was offered \$16,000 for eighty acres. It is true that some of Mr. Kinney's land is better than the lots transferred to Mr. Lyman but the greater part is the same.

"As a result of an investigation by a committee of the Board of Trade, President Holmes wrote a letter which resulted in Pratt's going to Hilo to meet the board. The letter was as follows: 'Dear Sir: In re Right of Purchase Lease No. 47 issued to Eugene H. Lyman for lots 4 and 5, Ponahuala. We beg to say that we think a great injustice has been done the Hilo public as well as the Government, by your method of handling these lots and hereby submit the following facts: 'Several parties have, from time to time applied for these lots, between 1899 and 1903, and were informed by both the former Hilo sub-agent and from the Honolulu office that the lands were withdrawn. Now, after Mr. Lyman applied

for them, without advertising again, you had them re-appraised and disposed of without letting the public, or any one but Mr. Lyman, have a chance to apply. If these lots had been withdrawn, was it not your duty to have them re-advised and thus acquaint the public that they had again been opened for settlement? We do not for one moment suppose that any wrong was intended, but the results are the same as if wrong had been intended. 'On September 23rd, 1899, Walter E. Wall, surveyor in charge of the Government Survey Department, wrote J. A. King, Minister of the Interior and among other things said: 'Mr. Baldwin values lot No. 4 at \$50 per acre.' And at that time Mr. Lyman made his application there were men in Hilo who were ready to give \$20 per acre for the entire two lots, and there are several men who stand ready today to give from \$25 to \$30 per acre for one of the lots.

"Now it seems to us that Mr. Williams did wrong in ever agreeing to the very low appraisement of \$3 per acre, as in all his letters to you he seems to have dwelt upon the fact that these lots 'were only two and one-half miles from Hilo.' We presume Mr. Williams desired to convey to you the fact that they would bring the Government much more money if divided up and sold for residence lots and we think he should have so advised you. And had he not finally compromised with the Land Appraiser there would have been no appraisement, then you would have been made acquainted with the great disparity between a Mr. Williams and the other appraisers value of the land and no sale would have been made.

"This land has a frontage on the Government Kaunama Road and is immediately adjacent to Mr. Wm. Kinney's land. Mr. Kinney has recently sold two lots, of about 1/4 acre each for \$92.00 per lot. The fact that the lots herein referred to are only two and one-half miles from the center of Hilo and at an altitude of several hundred feet makes the land very desirable for residence purposes and for this reason valuable, not only to the Government, but to the citizens here who have few opportunities of purchasing residence lots in the suburbs without paying exorbitant prices for them.

"Several transactions, some of which are referred to in the communication of one of the members of the Board of Trade, have been made in lands in and about Hilo, and we deem it high time that all such transactions should have all due publicity before consummation, and in the case of Mr. Lyman, herein referred to, we find that he has not expended any money in improvements on these lots, and we think, in justice to the citizens, that the transaction should not be allowed to stand.

"All of which we beg to submit for your earnest consideration and early reply.

E. N. HOLMES, President Board of Trade of Hilo, Attest: H. VICAIRS, Secretary.

In his statement at the meeting Pratt said that he had not been able to find any record of a previous application for the lands and that Williams had reported to him that the appraisement stood at \$1 per acre. Williams had suggested a reappraisal and one had

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THREE CITED

ATTORNEYS MAGOON AND LIGHTFOOT AND SAM PARKER SENT FOR BY JUDGE MATHEWMAN.

Attorneys J. A. Magoon and J. O. Lightfoot and Samuel Parker have been cited to appear before Circuit Judge Mathewmán and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt, for disobeying the injunction issued by Mathewmán in the matter of the Parker ranch litigation. The citation calls for the appearance of the two attorneys and Parker in the Kailua court on July 27, and it appears that all three will have to make a trip to Hawaii for the purpose of making the necessary appearance and answer.

The contempt alleged consists in the bringing of the suit just filed by Parker through his attorneys, against the Metropolitan Meat Company. Judge Mathewmán issued an injunction some time ago, restraining Parker and his attorneys from in any way interfering with the management of the ranch property. The suit by Parker against the meat company was a friendly action to determine how income received from the property shall be distributed, and it is held to have been a violation of the terms of Judge Mathewmán's injunction. Attorney A. A. Wilder, who presented the petition for citations to Judge Mathewmán, returned on the Kilauea this morning.

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Admiral Togo Reported Dead

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

CHEFOO, July 16.—A rumor has reached here to the effect that Admiral Togo is dead.

JAPANESE DENY LOSS

TOKIO, July 16.—The Imperial headquarters staff authoritatively denies the loss of 30,000 Japanese troops in an assault on Port Arthur which was reported from Russian sources. There was no fighting on either the 10th or 11th of July, the dates mentioned.

RUSSIANS STOP GERMAN MAIL LINER.

ADEN, July 16.—The German steamer Prinz Heinrich was stopped in the Red Sea by the Russian Volunteer Cruiser Smolensk and all of the Japanese mail aboard her was seized.

JAPS CLOSING IN ON NEWCHWANG.

TATCHEKAO, July 16.—Japanese transports are reported to be going toward Newchwang. It is believed that the whole or part of the Port Arthur squadron has entered the Gulf of Liaoting.

MEAT STRIKE STILL UNSETTLED.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The meat packers strike is still unsettled.

PRICE OF SITE OF RESERVOIR

ARBITRATORS DECIDE THAT \$550 IS TO BE PAID THE BISHOP ESTATE FOR THE LOT.

Six hundred and fifty dollars is the amount allowed the Bishop Estate for the two acres comprised in the reservoir site near the Kamehameha school. The arbitrators appointed to settle on the value of the land were Messrs. Morgan, Gear and Armitage and they made their report to the Superintendent of Public Works Holloway this morning. The commissioner had offered \$250 for the lot while the managers of the estate thought that \$1,000 had a more reasonable sound to them. The arbitrators seem to have accomplished their work by the time honored method of splitting the difference.

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Further information can be obtained from A. V. Gear, Secretary, 122 King Street.

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RAZING THE OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE

FAMOUS OLD BUILDING BEING RAPIDLY DEMOLISHED ON WATER FRONT TODAY.

The old Hawaiian custom house is being demolished. The structure is one of the oldest coral stone buildings in the city. It is located on the water front between the Irmgard and Sorenson wharves. The work of demolition is progressing at a rapid rate and the building will soon be levelled to the ground. Yesterday the preliminary work of tearing away the roof was finished, and this morning the work of pulling down some of the walls was begun. Few people remember the time when that building was not in existence. The oldest native captains on the water front say that they recall the building when children.

TRADES AND LABOR ELECTION.

A meeting of the Honolulu Trades and Labor Council was held last night. The following officers were elected: President, Thomas Cahalan; vice president, E. F. Dunn; recording secretary, G. A. Crozier; financial secretary and treasurer, F. Sackwitz; sergeant-at-arms, W. P. O'Brien; trustees, J. McQuire, J. Rothwell and M. Hefferan.

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